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You should deliver following letter addressed by the President to Chairman Khrushchev immediately. This replaces message contained Deptel 982.

QUOTE

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have received your letter of October twenty-third. I think you will recognize that the steps which started the current chain of events was the action of your Government in secretly furnishing offensive weapons to Cuba. We will be discussing this matter in the Security Council. In the meantime, I am concerned that we both show prudence and do nothing to allow events to make the situation more difficult to control than it already is.

I hope

Drafted by:

Telegraphic transmission and

classification approved by:

U:G:Ball:hc 10/23/62

George W. Ball

Clearance:

White House - Mr. Bundy
S/S - Mr. Brubeck

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WASHINGTON

I hope that you will issue immediately the necessary instructions to your ships to observe the terms of the quarantine, the basis of which was established by the vote of the Organization of American States this afternoon, and which will go into effect at 1400 hours Greenwich time October twenty-four.

Sincerely,

JFK

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COMMITTEES OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr Ball's
5:45 PM 10/23/62

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October 23, 1962

Under Secretary of State George Ball
requests your clearance be phoned to his office
before 6:00 p.m. this evening on the attached
cable:

William H. Brock
Executive Secretary

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Ambassy MOSCOW

DIRECT

TALLER EYES ON

Following message from President to Chairman Khrushchev should
and delivered only upon receipt further instructions from
be held ~~by the Embassy in Washington~~ Washington.

Begin text.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have received your letter of October twenty-third. I think
you will recognize that the step which started the current chain
of events was the action of your Government in secretly furnish-
ing ~~long-range~~ ^{offensive weapon} missiles to Cuba. We will be discussing this
matter in the Security Council. In the meantime, I am concerned
that we both show prudence and do nothing to allow events to
make the situation more difficult to control than it already is.
~~With this in mind~~, I hope you will issue instructions to your
ships bound ~~for Cuba~~ not to challenge the quarantine legally
established by the Organization of American States this after-
noon. ~~for there is no basis to say that you are~~

End Text.

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Ambassador MOSCOW

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~~EXTRA~~ EYES ONLY

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End Text.

H:GWBell:fj

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